[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) 16 tanks have been completely restored and 11 tanks are being completed.

(*c*) The time required for the restoration of the rest depends upon the amount to be allotted and the staff available.

(*d*)

Year.	*Grant.* Rs.	*Expenditure.* Rs.
1102	21,450	11,616
1103	17,725	13,857 to the end of 11/1103.

(*e*) An amount of Rs. 10,750 has been provided in the Budget for 1104 having in view the requirements of other taluks also.

(*f*) There is only one Irrigation Section Officer for the investigation and execution of minor irrigation works. But the Section Officer in charge of roads and buildings, Neyyattinkara, is also attending to the work of a few tanks.

(*g*) The present staff is enough to cope with the present allotment.

(*h*) In view of the answer to part (*g*), this does not arise.

Representation of Latin Catholics in the Public Service.

124. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Latin Catholics, particularly those of South Travancore, are poorly represented in the public service of the State ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will take steps to redress their grievances ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Statistics are not available at present showing the representation of Latin Catholics, particularly those of South Travancore, in the public service.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*) : Will the member be pleased to state the total number of Latin Christians in Travancore ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the figures. The Census Report will furnish the information.

Registry of Tank-beds.

125. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases pending on the file of each of the several Division and Taluk Cutcherries throughout the State regarding the registry of tank-beds ; and

(*b*) whether they will consider the desirability of issuing immediate instructions prohibiting further registry of tank-beds to private persons ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The number of cases pending on the file of the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, is 18. No case is pending on the file of the other Divisions.

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